

# FACT SHEET

## Interagency Coordinating Group

### MEMBERSHIP

Governor's Office

AZ Dept of Administration

AZ Corporation Commission

AZ Commission on Indian Affairs

AZ Dept of Agriculture

AZ Dept of Commerce

AZ Dept of Environmental Quality

AZ Game & Fish Dept

AZ Dept of Health Services

AZ Dept of Real Estate

AZ State Land Dept

AZ State Parks

AZ Dept of Transportation

AZ Cooperative Extension

Central AZ Water Conservation  
District

USDA - Natural Resources Conser-  
vation Service

USDA - Farm Services

USDA - Forest Service

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

U.S. Bureau of Land Management

U.S. National Park Service

U.S. Geological Survey

Salt River Project

Non-Governmental Organizations

### CO-CHAIRS

AZ Department of Water  
Resources

AZ Division of Emergency  
Management

### Primary Role - Mitigation and Response

Comprised of state, federal, tribal and non-governmental organizations, this group provides an integral mechanism to coordinate and integrate drought planning and management on all lands within Arizona.

### Objectives

#### Mitigation & Response

- Direct state agency action to assess, implement and develop response options
- Identify pre-drought mitigation and adaptation options
- Make recommendations to the Governor for resources necessary to provide assistance and continued implementation of the *Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan*

#### Advisor to the Governor

- Provide Governor with updates on an annual basis
- Advise the Governor of changes in drought conditions
- Request a drought declaration if conditions warrant
  - \* By May 1, based on water supply status
  - \* By November 1, based on ancillary drought impacts

#### Drought Plan Review

- Review effectiveness of mitigation and response actions with the Monitoring Technical Committee and the Local Drought Impact Groups each year by November 15th
- Make recommendations for improving monitoring, implementation and response



Photo courtesy of Kelly Redmond, Western Regional Climate Center

## Background Information

The Governor's Drought Task Force, established in March 2003, developed the *Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan* to address drought issues facing Arizonans. As part of the Plan, the Interagency Coordinating Group directs state agency actions to assess, implement and develop response options. In addition, the Monitoring Technical Committee and Local Drought Impact Groups throughout the state provide important information to ADWR regarding drought conditions and actual local impacts to water users.

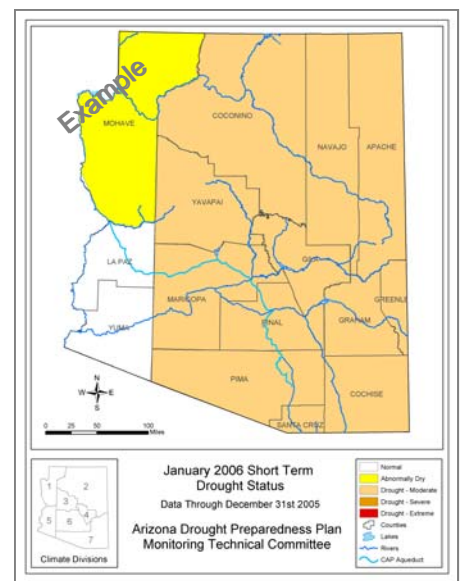
**Key to the implementation of the *Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan* is the creation of three structured committees**

### Monitoring Technical Committee

*On-going technical data gathering and information dissemination group*

- Tracks changes in climate and physical conditions
- Forecasts likely future conditions
- Critical in early warning and detection
- Determines drought conditions based on monitoring data

The Monitoring Technical Committee uses local area impact assessment information, along with scientific data, to determine drought conditions in each climate division.



*ADWR serves as the facilitator of the Monitoring Technical Committee and the Interagency Coordinating Group, provides staff support and web services, and assists with report development and public outreach.*

### Interagency Coordinating Group

Provides policy guidance for the *Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan* and advises the Governor on drought conditions.

### Local Drought Impact Groups

Local Drought Impact Groups are county-level groups created voluntarily to coordinate drought public awareness, provide impact assessment information to local and state leaders, and initiate and implement local mitigation or response options.

